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RECIPIENT TO: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT: Communist China's Foreign Trade

25X1X7. 1. Thank you very much indeed for the correspondence between [REDACTED] on the subject of the dollar value of China's foreign trade. It has only just reached us; after we have had a chance to study it, we shall send you our reactions.

2. Perhaps by now you have received a copy of the draft ID we prepared on this subject. The delay in getting it off to you is explained by the fact that its summary and conclusions were reviewed by the KIC Subcommittee on Trade and Finance.

3. Because of the importance of the topic and the interest of the intelligence community here in the subject, we have prepared and sent forward a staff study recommending a meeting in Washington in November or December of interested and informed parties to discuss the entire matter in detail. The staff study recommends that you participate in this meeting, as well as [REDACTED] 25X1X7 [REDACTED] our own TS people, A/F and State. It has reached the AD's office; if he approves, the chances of our being able to communicate your views are good.

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4. It would be our hope that such a discussion, should it occur, would result in agreement on the level of exchange rates appropriate for converting China's trade to dollars. It would also be a pleasure to have a chance to talk with you.

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